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Bristol Bay residents made it clear that Pebble Mine is not welcome to EPA staff and Region 10 Director Dennis McLerran at several meetings in southwest Alaska. "Why in the world would we ever think of doing something like this when we have a renewable resource that thousands of people count on, and a lifestyle that has gone on for generations, and all that would be in jeopardy?" asked Bella Hammond, widow of the late Gov. Jay Hammond.

While a group of Alaska Natives was flying over the Kennecott copper mine in Utah to get a sense of the scale of a massive, parched, open-pit mine, the British ambassador toured the Pebble Mine site on a visit paid for by Anglo American, and then promoted the Pebble project, and oil-spilling giant BP, with state leaders.

The Alaska Journal of Commerce details the legal showdown between the Pebble Limited Partnership and the "Save Our Salmon," ballot initiative, which is scheduled to put massive mining to a vote in October in the Lake and Peninsula Borough, where the mine would be sited. Pebble filed a similar suit against a statewide initiative in 2007 and lost in the Alaska Supreme Court. Oral arguments are scheduled June 23 in Anchorage.

In the Pacific Northwest, commercial fishermen call Bristol Bay, "the office." The Olympian profiles two commercial fishermen in Olympia, Wash., whose livelihoods flow from the epic swarm of salmon that return to their home streams and rivers through Bristol Bay. And a University of Washington researcher theorizes that Bristol Bay sockeye have shrunk in size by 5 percent since the 1940s – without the prospect of a Pebble Mine.

Here's a weekly roundup of media. For more information, see www.SaveBristolBay.org

Bristol Bay residents tell EPA how they feel about Pebble Mine

Margaret Bauman

Bristol Bay Times, Cordova Times, Tundra Drums, Alaska Dispatch

Federal officials weighing potential restrictions on large-scale mining ventures in the Bristol Bay got an earful this past week in Dillingham from commercial, subsistence and sport fishermen concerned about adverse environmental affects of mining... [Click here to read more](#)

Mine would spoil untouched Alaska fishery

John Dodge

The Olympian

Lanny Carpenter and Gene Maltzeff are nearly neighbors in South Bay northeast of Olympia, but their bond is much stronger than that. They are commercial salmon fishermen who both own permits to fish in Bristol Bay, Alaska, home to the largest remaining wild sockeye salmon fishery in the world... [Click here to read more](#)

That's not for us, say Alaskans after seeing Bingham mine

Brandon Loomis

Salt Lake Tribune

Several Alaskans from the salmon-dependent Bristol Bay region toured Utah's Bingham Canyon Mine on Monday for a look at the kind of tourist attraction they hope never to see back home... [Click here to read more](#)

British Ambassador visits Sitka

Ed Ronco, KCAW

KSTK

During his Tuesday visit, Sir Nigel Sheinwald attended a Rotary Club lunch and toured popular attractions, including Castle Hill and Sitka National Historical Park. But the bulk of Sheinwald's Alaska trip on the United Kingdom's connections to Alaska – political and commercial. That includes the proposed Pebble Mine in Southwest Alaska... [Click here to listen](#)

Cheerio, Alaska, the British ambassador has arrived

Patti Epler

Alaska Dispatch

The British ambassador is in Alaska this week to do a little sightseeing and meet with state leaders. He's also promoting British business interests here, like the Pebble Mine project which is owned in large part by AngloAmerican... [Click here to read more](#)

Pebble again on the ballot – for now – in Lake & Pen borough

Andrew Jensen

Alaska Journal of Commerce

Another ballot battle over Pebble mine is brewing. The "Save Our Salmon" initiative was certified May 30 to be placed on the Lake and Peninsula Borough ballot this October after initiative backers turned in a petition claiming more than 300 signatures, well above the required amount and comparable to the 384 total votes counted in the October 2010 borough elections... [Click here to read more](#)

Fly-fishing group to discuss impact of Alaska mine proposal

Mark Freeman

Mail Tribune (Oregon)

Members of the Rogue FlyFishers Association will have pebbles on their minds when they gather in Medford Wednesday for their monthly meeting... [Click here to read more](#)

Fishing has caused sockeye salmon to grow shorter

Natalia Real

FIS

A researcher from the University of Washington (UW) in Seattle thinks the bodies of sockeye salmon in Alaska have shrunk by 5 per cent or 14 mm since the 1940s as a result of fishing... [Click here to read more](#)

Bristol Bay sockeyes are getting smaller, researcher says

Anchorage Daily News

Sockeye salmon caught in Alaska's Bristol Bay have gotten 5 percent smaller over the past seven decades, says a University of Washington graduate student studying cannery records, and she believes commercial fishing has induced a kind of "evolution" in the population... [Click here to read more](#)

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